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Dr. Who

Who's Starring in His Own Comic

No, the absence of a question mark is *not* an error—it's the good Doctor himself we're talking about, and he's about to star in his first-ever original-for-US-readers ***Doctor Who*** comic book series.

If that's not enough to excite ***Who*** fans, this should clinch it: IDW publishing has enlisted the aid of the ***Doctor Who*** TV show story editor *Gary Russell* to do the writing honors!

IDW publisher/editor-in-chief *Chris Ryall* explained how his company landed the license. "We'd been talking about it with the BBC for a while, but it never quite got clinched until I went to Wales and met with everyone, including *Russell T. Davies*, and we signed on then and there," Ryall told ***CSN***. "It's something I've wanted to do for a while. I loved the show when it returned to TV here, and felt even stronger about it when Tennant joined up as the Tenth Doctor."

How is IDW handling the ***Who*** project—as an ongoing series, a series of miniseries, or a combination of the two? "Our usual approach: miniseries—although this first series seeds some storylines that won't pay off until a second story arc," Ryall said. "So in that way, it's a bit of a hybrid—an ongoing series of miniseries. Or something. There's also another miniseries in the works for next year, too. I'd say more about it, but I'll let (writer) *Tony Lee* break the news at some point, since he *so* loves the limelight..."

For readers who might have missed out on the whole Who phenomenon, writer *Gary Russell* offers a rundown on who Who is. "He's a lonely traveler in space and time, the last survivor of his people, the Time Lords, who fought a massive Time War with a race called the Daleks," Russell told ***Comic Shop Newsarama's*** *Michael San Giacomo*. "No one won, everyone lost. He has a series of human companions, currently the rather fabulous Martha Jones, a young trainee doctor from contemporary London. Together they travel the galaxies, righting wrongs, unoppressing the oppressed and generally having a ball being the best heroes on TV today. Its fun fantasy TV, with a real emotional heart and soul. By not being constrained to one time or place, the universe, past and present, is their oyster."

While Russell is heavily involved with the television show, he doesn't want readers to think that the comic is comprised of leftovers or castoff storylines. "

That said, Russell added that the stories that appear in the comic were created exclusively for the comic, not for the television show. "The comic medium is unique, it's brilliant and free and expansive and unfettered by budget,"Russell said. "Why take a TV idea with all the things that go with that medium and shoehorn it into a wholly different medium? No, each issue is wholly 100% created for IDW. Besides which, I don't think there *are* any unused/spare TV stories lying around for me to steal!"

Russell is joined on the series by artist *Nick Roche*, who came to ***Doctor Who*** via another mega-popular media tie-in comics project. "Well, my work on Transformers is really the beginning of it all," Roche told ***CSN***. "It was from working on that that *Chris Ryall* and I started having conversations about me doing work on a book that *didn't* have giant robots in it. (Unheard of, I know.)

"Some chat went back and forth about the possibilities available, and Chris got to see some of my art samples that had people in them. He seemed keen to find me something non-transforming to cut my teeth on. My stuff is quite cartoony, and animation-influenced, so there was never really much chance of being the next ***30 Days of Night*** artist—unless that gets a Saturday morning animated spin-off, of course—but it just so happened that IDW was on the precipice of obtaining the ***Doctor Who*** license. Chris put me for forward for approval, then I had to do a couple tryouts, to show the Beeb that I was their guy...and that brings us to roughly here!"

Was Roche a ***Who*** fan prior to taking on the comic? "I'm a big fan of the current relaunch, for sure. I never really saw much of the classic series when I was young—or at least not enough to call myself a fan. But I always enjoyed it whenever I managed to catch it, and very concept of it always appealed to me.

"If you're from Britain or Ireland—I'm Irish, by the way—***Doctor Who*** is inescapable. It has pervaded the public consciousness for the last forty-odd years. Everyone, no matter your age or background, knows what a Dalek is, what a TARDIS is. Oblique references like 'Bigger On The Inside' or 'They Can't Even Go Upstairs!' are understood and 'got' by everyone. Growing up, you've even got the joke to annoy people with ('Knock-Knock.' 'Who's There?' 'Doctor.' 'Doctor Who?' Then you sing the theme tune jeerily at your unwilling straight man.) But this new series had me from hello. It's just very exciting to be a (vicarious) part of it!"

Is Roche trying to capture likenesses in his distinctive animation-influenced style? "Well, with any licensed title like this, you're tied to emulating the actors as best you can. I have to say I'm quite lucky to have a lead character who looks like *David Tennant*; the man is a living cartoon! So that suits my animated style an awful lot.

"Of course it is a challenge to maintain a resemblance with the show's actors, but as an artist it's quite good to be so immersed in photo-reference. It keeps you on point for things like anatomy and construction, so you don't disappear up your own 'style'. I've tried to err on the side of capturing the essence of the characters rather than painstakingly documenting an actor's pore-pattern. A lot of comics (not all of them) based on TV shows are neither one thing on the other, so I'm trying to play to the medium of comics. I hope I've succeeded! I feel that I'm getting better as I go on."

How long is Roche committed to ***Doctor Who?*** "Well, I'm just here for the kick-off initially," he said. "There are a few other things looming at the moment. But I desperately want to return and spend a bit more time with The Doctor. I'm too much of a fanboy to let go!"

In addition to the original ***Doctor Who*** series, IDW is publishing another ***Who*** series, ***Classic Doctor Who,*** which collects some of the best of the British comics stories. "The first issue is on the stands now, in fact, featuring all-new colors over *Dave Gibbons*' amazing artwork," Ryall said. "It really looks great!" How much of the reprint material does IDW have the rights to publish? "Let's just say that we can do 'em as long as people want to see 'em!"

As if space-time travel didn't offer IDW enough story possibilities, ***Doctor Who*** also offers one other distinctive story elements: the existence of nine earlier Doctors. Is there any possibility that IDW might publisher original stories featuring earlier versions of Doctor Who? "Oh, yes!" Ryall said with a smile...

The current ***Doctor Who*** series has inspired a hit spinoff, ***Torchwood.*** Is IDW working on a ***Torchwood*** comic as well, perhaps? "Not yet," Ryall said, "but if we get a chance to bring Captain Jack and company to comics, I'd be all over that as well!"

Doctor Who #1, a $3.99 comic, is scheduled for late January release.

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Fight On!

UDON Entertainment has announced plans to launch *three* ***Street Fighter*** comic book series in 2008, hoping to take advantage of interest inspired by the ***Street Fighter IV*** videogame and the upcoming live-action film).

First up, ***Street Fighter II Turbo,*** a twelve-issue maxiseries, will continue the core story of UDON's ***Street Fighter*** universe. Illustrated by *Chamba,* this arc pits the World Warriors against each other in an epic tournament-style slugfest.

Next, artist *Omar Dogan* follows up his run on the popular ***Sakura*** mini-series with ***Street Fighter Legends: Chun-Li.*** This new four-issue miniseries focuses on a young Chun-Li, revealing how she grew up to become the world's most famous female fighter.

Finally, *Joe Ng* supplies the art for ***Street Fighter III: New Generation.*** This six-issue series will not only explore the new characters introduced in the ***Street Fighter III*** video games, it will also show fans for the first time what classic characters like Guile, Sakura and others are up to during the ***SF3*** era!

UDON has other non-***Street Fighter*** comics in the works for 2008 as well, including several addition to their Capcom Manga line, including ***Onimusha: Twilight of Desire*** and ***Devil Kings Basara.*** They're also producing more Capcom art books, including ***Onimusha Dawn of Dreams: Official Complete Works*** and the ***Darkstalkers Graphic File,*** as well as several additions to their Korean manwha line, including ***Daring Students Association, Dear Waltz, Reading Club, Evyione,*** and ***Chronicles of the Grim Peddler.***

Coming Comics— Marvel in March

For the second "Brand New Day" arc, Marvel has tapped *Bob Gale & Phil Jimenez* to do the honors. In the three-parter that begins in ***Amazing Spider-Man #552,*** what starts as a petty theft from a local Soup Kitchen turns into a chase that results in the birth of a freaky new Spidey villain.

Marvel continues its line of superhero-fairy tale mashups with ***Avengers Fairy Tales #1.*** When Wanda and Pietro are swept away to Neverland by the boy who never grows up, they find themselves pulled into a situation beyond their wildest dreams. See Captain America, Iron Man, Thor and the rest of the Avengers as you've never seen them before.

Cable is the latest series to spin out of the ***Messiah Complex*** story arc. The time-travelling mutant's new solo series, produced b *Duane Swierczynski & Ariel Olivetti,* find him charged with a mission that could save all of mutantkind. And hot on his trail is a relentless enemy who won't stop until blood is spilled.

The new Captain America fights the Red Skull's minions with Black Widow at his side in ***Captain America #36*** by *Ed Brubaker, Steve Epting, & Butch Guice.*

The truth of Mar-Vell's trip to the future is revealed once and for all in *Brian Reed & Lee Weeks'* ***Captain Marvel #5,*** bringing the last chapter of Captain Marvel's saga to light as the Secret Invasion begins.

Stephen King's ***Dark Tower*** saga expands once again with the release of ***Dark Tower: The Long Road Home,*** a five-part limited series that continues King's fantasy epic. *Robin Furth, Peter David, Jae Lee, & Richard Isanove* are all back to continue the tale that begins in the aftermath of Susan Delgado's death. And the Big Coffin Hunters who burned her at the stake are now in pursuit of Roland and his allies...

Franklin Richards enjoys one of the most sacred rites of childhood in ***Franklin Richards: Spring Break,*** a light-hearted all-ages oneshot by *Marc Sumerak & Chris Eliopoulos.*

Hercules takes on Ares in ***Incredible Hercules #115*** by *Greg Pak, Fred Van Lente, & Khoi Pham.* At the same time, Amadeus Cho takes on SHIELD... and it appears that Cho is winning!

The Mandarin intends to release the Extremis virus into the populace, effectively committing genocide. Unfortunately, Tony Stark and his fellow S.H.I.E.L.D. leaders are confined under house arrest, helpless to stop him. See how Stark deals with this dilemma in ***Iron Man #27*** by *Daniel Knauf, Charlie Knauf, & Roberto De La Torre.*

The Defenders return... but who are the defenders? Would you believe Colossus, She-Hulk Blazing Skull, and Nighthawk? See 'em in action in *Joe Casey & Jim Muniz's* ***Last Defenders #1.*** The Defenders have been reformed to serve a specific political purpose...but is there a greater destiny in store for this crew?

In the three-part ***Logan*** miniseries, *Brian K. Vaughan & Eduardo Risso* offer a unique look at the man who's the best there is at what he does. Finally armed with long-lost memories from his past, Wolverine returns to one of his first battlefields to settle an old score...

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Is Ms. Marvel on the front lines of the Secret Invasion... or is she *part* of the invasion?! Find out in the extra-length ***Ms. Marvel #25*** by *Brian Reed* and new series artist *Adriana Melo.*

Paul Jenkins & Paolo Rivera take a look at Steve Rogers' transformation from patriotic weakling to the Sentinel of Liberty in ***Mythos: Captain America,*** a painted oneshot that explores the origins of the Star-Spangled Avengers. The Secret Invasion shifts into high gear in ***New Avengers #39*** by *Brian Bendis & David Mack.* Have the Skrulls infiltrated the Avengers? Is Maya Lopez the only one with proof? Will she live to tell the tale?

Alex, Julie, Jack, and Katie Power are just four regular kids, but in twenty-four hours, they're going to have to escape alien abduction, learn how to use their bizarre new super powers, rescue their parents from an intergalactic tyrant, and save Earth from total destruction. See how they deal with the these challenges in ***Power Pack: Day One,*** a four-part limited series by *Fred Van Lente, Gurihiru, & Colleen Coover.*

Garth Ennis ends his long run on ***The Punisher*** with #55... and as you might expect, he's going out with a bang. His final story pits Frank Castle against five men with unlimited resources who know all there is to know about the Punisher... and how to fight him!

Think the Secret Invasion is something new? Think again! Marvel reveals the hidden history of the Skrull invasion in the pages of Tony Stark's Classified Top Secret report, which you'll be able to read in Marvel's ***Secret Invasion Saga,*** a 32-page special that traces the history of the shape-shifting alien race.

The X-Men guest-star in *Brian Bendis & Stuart Immonen's* ***Ultimate Spider-Man #120.*** Now that one of Peter Parker's fellow students has been outed as a mutant, the struggle for their heart and mind is on! Magneto, Master of

Magnetism, claims the new mutant as his own, but the X-Men aren't about to let that stand unchallenged.

Apocalypse's endgame is revealed as the beleaguered X-Men mount a last-ditch attack to save the world in ***Ultimate X-Men #92*** by *Robert Kirkman & Salvador Larroca.*

Who rules the Savage Land? Who could possibly challenge Magneto's authority? How about the Ultimates—with special guest Wolverine! See just how savage things can get in ***Ultimates 3 #4*** by *Jeph Loeb, Joe Madureira, & Christian Lichtner.*

Marko Djurdjevic steps in as guest artist for a two-part *J. Michael Straczynski* story that begins in ***Thor #8.*** The God of Thunder is now ruling over a newly glorious Asgard and all its people! But what danger has risen on the horizon of its American heartland surroundings?

Cyclops and Emma Frost head to San Francisco, which has been reborn as a twisted version of itself circa 1968, in ***Uncanny X-Men #496*** by *Ed Brubaker & Michael Choi.* Will they ever want to leave this freaky NeverNeverLand?...

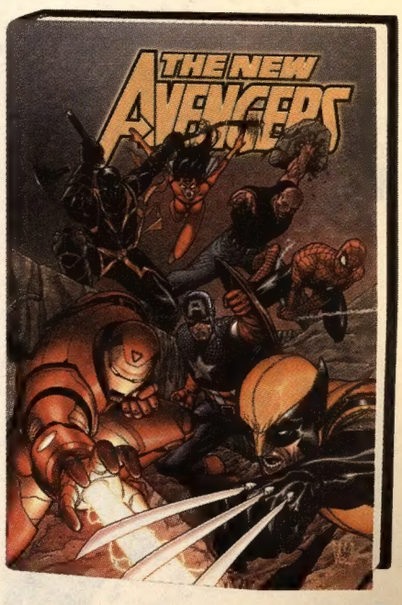
Gary Friedrich & Herb Trimpe's WWI hero the Phantom Eagle returns in the Marvel MAX series ***War Is Hell: The First Flight of the Phantom Eagle,*** a five-parter by *Garth Ennis & Howard Chaykin.* Mysterious aviator Karl Kaufmann arrives on the western front dressed outlandishly and at the controls of his own plane. Overconfident and full of romantic ideals, he has come to fight and kill the Hun. But soon Kaufmann confronts staggering loss and witnesses violence on a scale he has never imagined.

Fred Van Lente & Andrea Di Vito offer a look at the early days of the new X-Men in ***Wolverine: First Class.*** This series teams up Logan and Kitty Pryde... but neither is particularly happy with the partnership. However, unless they learn to work together, neither of them will come back from their first mission together alive!

What's going on in ***X-Men: Legacy #209?*** Marvel's keeping that information classified until the end of ***Messiah Complex***—but they *will* confirm that *Mike Carey, Billy Tan, & Scot Eaton* are doing the honors, and the storyline involves two of mutantkind's most iconic figures.

Marvel collected editions for March include:

- ***Avengers: The Initiative Volume One—Basic Training TP,*** collecting the first six issues of the series;
- ***Cable Classic Volume One TP,*** collecting ***New Mutants #87, Cable: Blood & Metal #s 1-2,*** and ***Cable #s 1-4,*** featuring material by *Louise Simonson, Fabian Nicieza, Rob Liefeld, John Romita Jr.,* and others;
- ***Earth X Trilogy Companion TP,*** collecting *Jim Krueger & Alex Ross* background material, including sketches, proposals, and more, all handpicked by Ross (and as a bonus, it includes ***Earth X #1/2*** and the never-printed-until-now ***X-51 Earth X*** prequel);
- ***Essential Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe: Master Edition Volume One TP,*** featuring material from ***OHotMU-ME #s 1-36;***
- ***Ghost Rider Volume Four: Revelations TP,*** collecting ***Ghost Rider #s 14-19;***
- ***Ghost Rider: Trail of Tears TP,*** collecting the *Garth Ennis-Clayton Crain* miniseries;
- ***Iron Man Vs. Doctor Doom: DoomQuest Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Iron Man #s 149-150 & 249-250;***
- ***Marvel Masterworks: Atlas Era Tales to Astonish Volume 2 HC,*** collecting pre-hero ***TtA #s 11-20,*** featuring classic work by *Stan Lee, Jack Kirby, Steve Ditko, Don Heck,* and others;
- ***Marvel Masterworks: Captain America Volume 4 HC,*** collecting ***Cap #s 114-124;***
- ***New Avengers Volume Two HC,*** collecting ***New Avengers #s 11-20 &***



Annual #1 and the lead story from *Giant-Size Spider-Woman;*

- ***New Avengers Volume Seven: The Trust Premiere HC,*** collecting *New Avengers #s 32-37 & Annual #2;*
- ***NewUniversal: Everything Went White TP,*** collecting *NewUniversal #s 1-6;*
- ***Punisher MAX Volume Nine: Long Cold Dark TP,*** collecting *Punisher MAX #s 50-54;*
- ***Punisher War Journal Volume Two: Goin' Out West TP,*** collecting *PWJ #s 5-11;*
- ***Red Prophet: The Tales of Alvin Maker Volume One TP,*** collecting *Red Prophet #s 1-6;*
- ***Spider-Man Family: Untold Team-Ups Digest,*** collecting *Spider-Man Family #s 4-6;*
- ***Spider-Man: One More Day Premiere HC,*** collecting the four-part goodbye-marriage arc by *J. Michael Straczynski & Joe Quesada;*
- ***Spider-Man, Peter Parker: Back in Black TP,*** collecting ***Sensational Spider-Man #s 35-40 & Annual #1, Spider-Man Family #s 1 & 2, Marvel Spotlight: Spider-Man,*** and ***Back in Black Handbook;***
- ***Spider-Man/Red Sonja Premiere HC,*** collecting the Marvel/Dynamite miniseries;
- ***Spider-Man: Reign TP,*** collecting the *Kaare Andrews* miniseries;
- ***Thor by J. Michael Straczynski Volume One Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Thor #s 1-6;***
- ***Ultimate Iron Man II Premiere HC,*** collecting the four-parter by *Orson Scott Card & Pasqual Ferry;*
- ***X-Factor Volume Four: Heart of Ice TP,*** collecting ***X-Factor #s 18-24;***
- ***X-Men: Die by the Sword TP,*** collecting the five-part miniseries; and
- ***X-Men Vs. Apocalypse Volume One: The Twelve,*** collecting ***Uncanny X-Men #s 376-377, Cable #s 73-76, X-Men #s 96-97, Wolverine #s 145-147,*** and the ***X-Men 1999 Yearbook.***

Coming Comics— DC in March

Geoff Johns, Gary Frank, & Jonathan Sibal's "Superman and the Legion of Super-Heroes" comes to an end in ***Action Comics #863...*** and what an end it is! To save the galaxy, Superman and the Legion must clear the good name of Krypton's Last Son—but to do that, they must defeat the greatest villains of their time: the JLA!

Ra's al Ghul successfully resurrected... Impostor Batmen running rampant through Gotham City... The cold, harsh reality of heart-breaking death... Batman has confronted all of these obstacles as the stalwart hero he is…but is he ready for what awaits? Find out in ***Batman #675*** by *Grant Morrison, Tony Daniel, & Jonathan Glapion.*

Booster Gold returns to the present in *Geoff Johns, Jeff Katz, Dan Jurgens, & Norm Rapmund's* ***Booster Gold #7...*** but it's not the same present from which he departed! The new man in charge is Maxwell Lord, and his army of O.M.A.C.s won't stop until Booster is dead. Plus, the return of Supernova!

Superman and Ultraman of the Crime Society…together? What situation could be so dire that it would cause this team-up? Will two men who are the exact opposite of each other be able to work together long enough to save the day? *Mark Waid* and guest artist *Jerry Ordway* deliver the answers in ***Brave & Bold #11.***

A Great Disaster looms over the Multiverse—and as it comes ever closer, disparate storylines begin to converge in ***Countdown to Final Crisis #s 8-5,*** the penultimate month of the yearlong weekly series.

DC Special: Raven, a five-issue miniseries by Raven's co-creator *Marv Wolfman* and artist *Damion Scott,* delves into Raven's past and gives her a new life—but first she must survive the horrors of high school! Can the Titan's empath endure the wave of teen angst at school, especially after someone begins killing students?

In ***Detective Comics #820*** by *Peter Milligan, Dustin Nguyen, & Derek Fridolfs,* Batman takes a journey around the globe to investigate the origins of the mysterious suit of armor that Talia al Ghul gave to him. But when he unearths the startling secrets of the armor, will the Dark Knight be prepared for what awaits him?

Tom Peyer & Freddie Williams III kick off "Fast Money" in ***Flash #238*** as the Flash finds himself caught up in an intense moral dilemma about super-powers — and Keystone's plagued by a menace who's using familiar mind-bending tactics!

The Vigilante guest-stars in ***Gotham Underground #6*** by *Frank Tieri, J. Calafiore, & Jack Purcell.* Things in Gotham City's underground scene continue to heat up as tensions between Tobias Whale and Penguin's gangs reach a boiling point. Plus, Nightwing's personal gang-war strategy backfires in the most lethal of ways.

Geoff Johns, Ivan Reis, & Oclair Albert begins the "Secret Origin" arc in ***Green Lantern #29,*** casting the origin of Hal Jordan in a whole new light. While Hal begins his career another Lantern, the greatest of all time, uncovers the mystery of Abin Sur's death and his obsession with the prophecy of "the Blackest Night."

The JLA turn themselves over to the US government to be sent to a prison off-world in ***Justice League of America #19*** by *Alan Burnett, Ed Benes, & Sandra Hope.* What old foe will they have to rely on to save themselves from planet hell?

DC celebrates the release of the ***New Frontier DVD*** with ***Justice League: The New Frontier Special,*** a collection of never-before-seen stories that includes "New Frontier: The Lost Chapter," written and illustrated by *Darwyn Cooke.* This tale provides a first-hand look at Faraday's quest to outlaw masked vigilantes, culminating with the day

Superman goes to Gotham to bring down Batman. Also included are two back-up stories featuring Wonder Woman, Black Canary, Sgt. Rock and others, as well as behind-the-scenes bonus material from the movie!

"Thy Kingdom Come" continues as the mystery of the "Heartbreak Slayer" explodes while the Justice Society discovers a true "New" God stalking them. Meanwhile, devastating images of the future continue to plague the Man of Steel. Witness those images for yourself in ***Justice Society of America #14*** by *Geoff Johns, Alex Ross, Dale Eaglesham, & Ruy Jose.*

Jim Shooter, Francis Manapul, & John Livesay launch "Enemy Rising" in ***Legion of Super-Heroes #40*** — the beginning of the One Evil Saga! To save her world, Shadow Lass battles alone against a Life-eradicator. The mystery of their origin deepens as important evidence emerges. Meanwhile, conflict between Timber Wolf and Saturn Girl explodes!

Why is another super-powered body, this time the corpse of the KGBeast, being stolen from the Gotham Cemetery — and how is Nightwing going to stop it? And there's an even bigger question: how does it fit into the far-reaching scheme of Talia al Ghul and her desire to protect herself once and for all from the evil clutches of her father and the world at large? *Peter Tomasi, Rags Morales, & Michael Bair* reveal the answers in ***Nightwing #142.***

DC expands their kid-friendly line with ***Super Friends #1*** by *Sholly Fisch & Dario Brizuela.* The first issue features a full-length adventure with Amazo, the android who has all the same powers as our heroes, as well as activities, the Super Friends secret code key and more!

Kurt Busiek is joined by new series artist *Renato Guedes & José Wilson Magalhaés* beginning with ***Superman #674.*** The superhuman mastermind Paragon is loose in Metropolis, Clark and Lois are hunting for a new place to live after the events of "Insect Queen," and worse, they've got relatives coming to visit — namely, a certain blonde cousin of Lois's from Smallville. It all sets the stage for a major new addition to the cast in next month's anniversary issue! Can you say "Chloe Sullivan"?

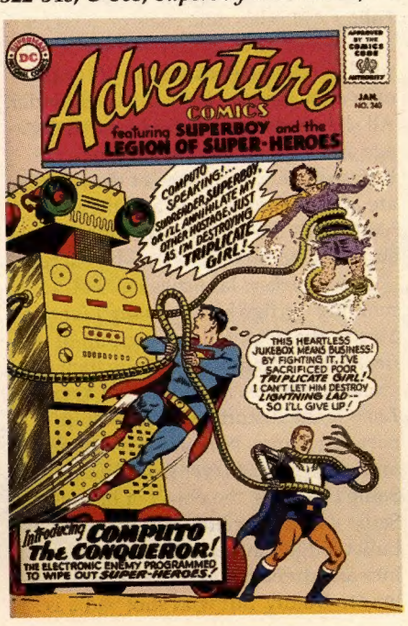
Joe Kelly & Scott Kolins offer a new take on an old classic in ***Superman/Batman Annual #2.*** Way back in ***World's Finest #178,*** Superman lost his powers and took on the identity of Nova, the inspiration for 52's Super-Nova. Now, the mysterious Socrates has robbed the world of its Man of Steel forcing Batman and Robin to find a way to replace him!

The Tangent Earth and the DC Earth are about to collide—and you can watch the world-crash in ***Tangent: Superman's Reign,*** as twelve-part series by *Dan Jurgens, Matt Clark, Fernando Pasarin, & Jesse Delperdang* that spins out of events in ***Justice League of America #16.*** In the years since the Tangent world was last seen, a mind-reading, telekinetic Superman has taken control and brought peace, but at the cost of the world's freedoms. And as the walls between the Tangent Earth and the DC Earth being to fall, the Tangent Superman's visions are about to get even grander!

Gail Simone is joined by guest artist *Bernard Chang* for a two-parter that begins in ***Wonder Woman #18.*** The Amazing Amazon heads to the furthest reaches of the galaxy... but not before the vicious alien race the Khund begin an assault on Earth! However, before the invasion can begin, the relationship of Wonder Woman and Nemesis takes a defining turn.

DC collected editions include:

- ***Batman Chronicles Volume 5 TP,*** collecting Bat-tales from ***Batman #s 8 & 9, Detective Comics #s 57-61,*** and ***World's Finest Comics #4;***
- ***Batman: The Resurrection of Ra's Al Ghul HC,*** collecting the entire saga from ***Batman Annual #26, Batman #s 670 & 671, Robin #s 168 & 169, Robin Annual #7, Nightwing #s 138 & 139,*** and ***Detective Comics #838 & 839;***
- ***Booster Gold Volume One: Pick-Up HC,*** collecting ***Booster Gold #s 1-6*** and the origin story from ***52 #24;***
- ***Captain Carrot & the Final Arc TP,*** collecting the three-issue miniseries along with tales from ***The New Teen Titans #16*** and ***Captain Carrot & His Amazing Zoo Crew #s 1, 14, & 15;***
- ***Countdown Special: Eclipso Eighty-Page Giant,*** collecting stories from ***Eclipso #10*** and ***Spectre #s 17-18;***
- ***Jack Kirby's OMAC: One Man Army Corps HC,*** collecting Kirby's last major DC series, ***OMAC #s 1-8,*** plus artwork from ***Who's Who;***
- ***JLA Presents Aztek—The Ultimate Man TP,*** collecting ***Aztek #s 1-10*** by *Grant Morrison, Mark Millar, Stephen Harris, Drew Geraci,* and others;
- ***Jonah Hex Volume Four: Only the Good Die Young TP,*** collecting ***Jonah Hex #s 19-24;***
- ***Justice League Unlimited: Ties That Bind TP,*** collecting ***Justice League Unlimited #s 16-22;***
- ***Mystery in Space Volume Two TP,*** collecting ***Mystery in Space #s 6-8*** and ***The Weird #s 1-4*** by *Jim Starlin* and others;
- ***The Question Volume Two: Poisoned Ground TP,*** collecting ***The Question #s 7-12*** by *Dennis O'Neil, Denys Cowan, & Rick Magyar;*
- ***Seven Soldiers of Victory Archives Volume Three HC,*** collecting Golden Age tales from ***Leading Comics #s 9-14;***
- ***Showcase Presents the Legion of Super-Heroes Volume Two TP,*** collecting Legion tales from ***Adventure #s 316, 322-348, & 365, Superboy #117 & 125,*** and ***Superman Annual #4;***
- ***Showcase Presents Challengers of the Unknown Volume Two TP,*** collecting rarely-seen Challs adventures from ***Challengers of the Unknown #s 18-37;***
- ***Supergirl & the Legion of Super-Heroes: The Quest for Cosmic Boy TP,*** collecting ***Supergirl & the Legion #s 31-36;***
- ***Starman Omnibus Volume One HC,*** collecting ***Starman #s 0-16*** by *James Robinson, Tony Harris,* and others; and
- ***Superman: Escape from Bizarro World HC,*** collecting the three-part arc by *Geoff Johns, Richard Donner, & Eric Powell,* along with Bizarro tales from ***Superman #140, DC Comics Presents #71,*** and ***Man of Steel #5.***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Coming Comics—WildStorm in March

Where have all the heroes gone? That's what Lady Love — a Bay Area disc jockey — wants to know. Her alter ego, Love Rocket, is trying to keep her city from falling to pieces, but it's not easy. During a mission, her crime-fighting partner does such a good job attacking a hostage-taker that he puts a child's life in danger — while a TV news crew catches all the action. Their broadcast grabs a lot of attention from various people...including a WildStorm super-powered-being who's been out of commission for years. Will this shock him into action? Find out in ***The New Dynamix #1*** by *Allen Warner & J.J. Kirby.*

Michael Costa & Koi Turnbull shed light on one of the Authority's most mysterious members in ***The Secret History of the Authority: Jack Hawkmoor,*** a six-issue limited series. Before he was recruited into StormWatch, Jack Hawksmoor was a solitary urban hero, misanthropic and alone. While preventing a massive robot attack on the Golden Gate Bridge, Hawksmoor gets unexpected assistance from a woman he has more in common with than he realizes...

WildStorm collected editions include:
• ***The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen: Black Dossier—The Absolute Edition,*** an expanded, oversized, slipcased edition of the graphic novel by *Alan Moore & Kevin O'Neill* that includes a *new* rarity—a 45RPM vinyl recording of the song "Immortal Love" sung by *Alan Moore* himself;
• ***Supernatural: Origins TP,*** collecting the six-parter inspired by the CW television series;

• ***Team Zero TP,*** collecting the six-part miniseries; and
• ***WildStorm: Armageddon TP,*** collecting the six-part ***Armageddon*** event by *Christos N. Gage* and others.

Coming Comics—Vertigo in March

Brian Azzarello & Eduardo Risso kick off the final arc of the series in ***100 Bullets #89.*** With all his soldiers in place and his final plan in motion, Agent Graves finally has a chance to kick back and enjoy his success — but is the cork-popping premature? And where does a south-side Chicago crime syndicate fit into the plan?

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YOUNG LIARS

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VERTIGO #1

Fabletown's own cloak-and-dagger expert Cinderella is back in action in the two-part "Skullduggery," beginning in ***Fables #71.*** This time she's on a secret assignment down south — way down south — doing a nasty little job to pay off a debt she owes to Frau Totenkinder. All she needs to do is find a small package and deliver it to Fabletown. Unfortunately, the forces of the Empire are after the same prize and they've hauled out the guns and bombs to make sure they're the only ones who succeed.

David Lapham launches his first monthly Vertigo series, ***Young Liars,*** in March; the book follows a group of misfits as they attempt to salvage their crushed dreams. At the core of ***Young Liars*** is the disturbing relationship between Danny Noonan, a habitual liar and crap guitar player from Texas, and Sadie Dawkins, the object of his desire. Sadie was a poor little rich girl until a bullet lodged in her brain turned her into an adrenaline junkie who only listens to Danny. But who shot Sadie is only part of the mystery that drives ***Young Liars,*** from the twisted club scene of lower Manhattan to absurdist hijinx on the high seas.

Vertigo collected editions include:
• ***Absolute Sandman Volume Three,*** a lavishly produced slipcased oversized hardcover collecting a heaping helping of *Neil Gaiman* Sandman tales, including "Brief Lives" and the award-winning "Ramadan." In addition, the book includes pin-up pages from ***The Sandman #50*** and ***Sandman Special #1,*** the Desire story from ***Vertigo: Winter's Edge 33, The Endless Gallery #1,*** script and thumbnails from ***The Sandman #50,*** and a section on the Endless retail products;
• ***The Exterminators Volume Four: Crossfire & Collateral TP,*** collecting ***Exterminators #s 17-23;***
• ***God Save the Queen SC,*** a trade reissue of the graphic novel by *Mike Carey & John Bolton;* and
• ***Un-Men Volume One: Get Your Freak On TP,*** collecting ***Un-Men #s 1-5.***

Coming Comics—CMX/DC in March

In the medieval town of Naudars, albino children hold a revered and protected status. Dorothea is one of these children and she has always wanted to see the world beyond her cloistered existence. When Naudars is attacked, all able-bodied men rise to defend their home. But Dorothea is prepared to defy tradition and enlist in the military.... and that's just what she does in ***Dorothea Volume One,*** written and illustrated by *Cuvie.*

With his horned head and pointed ears, young Kiichi resembles a demon. When his mother dies, he is ostracized from his village. Alone and with no clue to his true origin, he meets Mototaro, a traveling "Library Man" who goes from town to town lending out books. When Kiichi spies some magical creatures literally jumping out of the pages of one of these books, he embarks on an amazing adventure as he tries to find his place in the world in ***Kiichi & the Magic Books Volume One*** by *Taka Amano.*

Coming in August from DC Direct

Harley Quinn is one of two August additions to DC's 12" action figure line. the 1:6 scale ***Harley Quinn Deluxe Collector Figure*** comes clothed in her own authentically detailed fabric costume with character-specific accessories and a display stand.

Batman's number one enemy gets the oversized treatment with the release of ***The Joker Deluxe Collector Figure,*** which features the Clown Prince of Crime clothed in an intricate and authentically detailed fabric costume, complete with character-appropriate accessories and a display stand.

DC Direct offers the first of three large statues that fit together to form a diorama replica of *Ed Benes'* image from the cover of ***Justice League of America*** #7. Sold in three parts, each features two of the world's greatest superheroes and includes a piece of a bonus Red Tornado figure. (To fully assemble Red Tornado, all three Build-a-Scene statues are needed.) All of the pieces slide together to make a complete cover scene in striking 3-D! The first part of the statue includes Batman, Wonder Woman, and the base and tornado portion of Red Tornado. Part two will include Superman, Black Canary, and the torso of Red Tornado. Part three will include Green Lantern, The Flash, and the head and cape of Red Tornado. Minor assembly is required.

Justice Series Eight includes four new figures based on the art of *Alex Ross:* ***Supergirl, Batgirl, Toyman,*** and ***Captain Cold.***

The stars of ***Superman: Red Son*** are featured in the ***Elseworlds Red Son Boxed Set***—and as a bonus, DC is adding a never-before-offered version of ***Red Son Bizarro,*** along with a reissue of ***Superman: Red Son #1.***

The art of *Ethan Van Sciver* is the inspiration for the ***Green Lantern Vs. Sinestro Bookends.*** This limited edition, cold-cast porcelain bookend set includes a full-color Certificate of Authenticity and each bookend stands approximately 8" tall x 6" wide x 6" deep.

DC Direct's poster offerings include ***Justice Society of America #11*** by *Alex Ross and* ***Green Lantern/Sinestro Corps Secret Files #1*** by *Ivan Reis & Oclair Albert.*

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- ***Weird Tales Magazine*** has added comics to its revamped contents; the next issue (#347) will feature twelve preview pages spotlighting *Jamie Tanner's* ***The Aviary*** (to be published by *AdHouse Books).* The magazine will debut an original comics section in ***Weird Tales #348,*** kicking off with a four-page story by *Ira Marcks.*
- Marvel has added a 1-for-20 variant cover for ***Hulk #2,*** featuring art by *Marko Djurdjevic.* The variant cover was previously solicited as a 50/50 variant; this 1-for-20 variant will take its place on the lineup.

- Their books weren't as hot as they had hoped, but they would have preferred they weren't *this* hot: Fangoria suffered a warehouse fire that destroyed their entire back issue supply of magazines as well as their short-lived comics line, which started in the summer of 2007 and was cancelled just a couple of months later.

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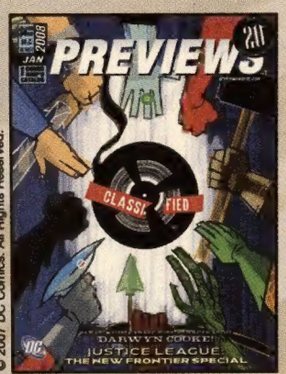

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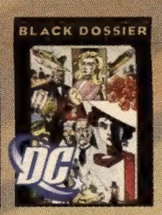

The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen: Black Dossier—The Absolute Edition—The third volume of *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen* series, written by Alan Moore and illustrated by Kevin O'Neill, gets the Absolute treatment in this oversized collector's edition!

Dark Ivory #1—*Dawn* creator Joseph Michael Linsner and Eva Hopkins present Dark Ivory, their new series about a young, "vampire-curious" girl who learns the price of getting too close to her dreams...

Cable #1—Duane Swierzynski (*Moon Knight Annual*) and Ariel Olivetti (*Punisher War Journal*) bring you the new ongoing series spinning out of the decade's biggest *X-Men* event! The future of mutenkind starts here!

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